

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-247 remain in the application. Claims 20, 164 and 166 have been amended, to correct inadvertent typographical errors.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed with this Response.

Allowed Claims

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-19, 21-152, 161-239 and 242-247 are allowed.

It is submitted that each of the pending claims as amended herein are in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 20, 153-160, 240 and 241 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 20 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error to recite a "3'-fluoro- β -L-nucleoside" in the preamble as requested by the Examiner, thus obviating this rejection. Claims 153-160, 240 and 241 depend from claim 20, and thus the amendment to claim 20 obviates the rejection to those claims also.

In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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